

REMARKS

The Examiner allowed claims 4-11 and 14 and indicated that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant submits that claims 3- 11 and 14 are in an allowable form in accordance with the Examiner's comments.

Applicant has added new claims 22-23 to depend from allowable claim 3 and respectfully requests their entry and allowance. Claim 22 is a duplicate of claim 14, except for the dependency and changes to pluralize "clip" to --clips-- and "floor mat" to --floor mats--. Similarly, claim 23 is a duplicate of claim 15 except for the dependency. Applicant thus submits that claims 22 and 23 have in essence been previously examined as claims 14 and 15, and are allowable as depending from an allowed claim.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims and most earnestly solicits the issuance of a formal notice of allowability for the claims. Please call the undersigned attorney if any questions remain after this amendment.

Respectfully submitted at Canton, Ohio this 13th day of November, 2003.

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